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AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE TO CONVEY
TO THE CITY OF WARNER ROBINS GA., 29 ACRES OF LAND COM-
PRISING A PART OF ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE

JULY 16, 1959.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. CANNON, from the Committee on Armed Services, submitted the
following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 5927]

The Committee on Armed Services, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 5927) to authorize the conveyance to the city of Warner Robins, Ga., of about 29 acres of land comprising a part of Robins Air Force Base, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Secretary of the Air Force to convey to the city of Warner Robins, at fair market value, 29 acres of land now comprising a part of the Robins Air Force Base. Included in this conveyance are any improvements which may be located on said land at the time of conveyance.

BACKGROUND OF THE BILL

The land referred to in this bill has been used as a Lanham Act housing area at the Robins Air Force Base. The improvements located thereon consist primarily of utility lines valued at approximately \$5,000. The Lanham buildings, 65 in number, comprising 406 housing units and 2 storage sheds, were approved for disposal by the Department of the Air Force on March 19, 1959. The initial cost was approximately \$1,300,000 at the time of acquisition in 1942. The salvage value is negative.

Transfer of the land and improvements thereon will not be inconsistent with the mission of this Air Force base. There is no requirement for the property by either of the other military departments, or any other agency of the Government.

FISCAL DATA

The bill provides that the Secretary of the Air Force is authorized and directed to convey the property in question to the city of Warner Robins, Ga., at the fair market value as determined by the Secretary of the Air Force. The terms of the conveyance will include all the right, title, and interest of the United States in the property subject to the retention by the United States of a right-of-way for utility lines in and over the land authorized to be conveyed. Enactment of this measure will not involve any expenditure of Federal funds.

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION

Neither the Department of Defense nor the Bureau of the Budget has any objection to this bill as is evidenced by a letter dated May 6, 1959, from Assistant Secretary of the Air Force Lyle S. Garlock. This letter is set forth below and made a part of this report.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE,
Washington, May 6, 1959.

Hon. CARL VINSON,
*Chairman, Committee on Armed Services,
House of Representatives.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Reference is made to your request for the views of the Department of Defense with respect to H.R. 5927, 86th Congress, a bill to authorize the conveyance to the city of Warner Robins, Ga., of about 29 acres of land comprising a part of Robins Air Force Base. The Secretary of Defense has delegated to this Department the responsibility for expressing the views of the Department of Defense.

H.R. 5927 would authorize and direct the Secretary of the Air Force to convey to the city of Warner Robins, Ga., at fair market value, all right, title, and interest to approximately 29 acres of land comprising a part of Robins Air Force Base, including improvements which may be located thereon at time of conveyance.

The land referred to in H.R. 5927 is the Lanham Act housing area of Robins Air Force Base. The 65 Lanham Act buildings and 2 storage sheds located on the property described in H.R. 5927 have deteriorated beyond the point of occupancy and were approved for disposal by the Department of the Air Force on March 19, 1959. There is no requirement for this property by the three military departments. Transfer of the land and facilities will not be inconsistent with the mission of Robins Air Force Base, Ga.

If no other Federal need is found, the land which H.R. 5927 would convey could be sold to the city under the provisions of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended. However, if the Congress prefers to effect the transfer as proposed by H.R. 5927, the Department of Defense has no objection.

Enactment of H.R. 5927 would not involve the expenditure of any Department of Defense appropriations.

This report has been coordinated within the Department of Defense in accordance with procedures prescribed by the Secretary of Defense.

The Bureau of the Budget has advised that there is no objection to the submission of this report.

Sincerely yours,

LYLE S. GARLOCK,
Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

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